Boyceville blasts Colfax for fourth win of the season

by Marlys Kruger

Sports Correspondent BOYCEVILLE — The Boyceville Bulldogs used several big plays by both the offense and defense and scored in just about every way possible in a 51-0 bombardment over the Colfax Vikings September 17 in the game played in Boyceville.

The Bulldogs were coming off their first loss of the season against Spring Valley and were looking to get back on the winning track in Dunn-St. Croix Conference play.

Meanwhile, the Vikings had forfeited their two previous games due to COVID-19 issues and were glad to be back on the field. After a closely played first quarter, in which Boyceville led 8-0, the Bulldogs broke things open with 24 points in the second quarter and never looked back on their way to the win.

The Vikings came out throwing after taking the opening kickoff to their own 25, completing a pair of passes but a fumble was recovered by the Bulldogs at the 40 yard line.

After a long touchdown run by Braden Roemhild was called back for a penalty, Tyler Dormanen had his own long run to go all the way to the five-yard line. Bash Nielson took it to the end zone from there and with a Dormanen run it was 8-0 for Boyceville with 10:43 on the clock.

The Vikings turned to the running game after the ensuing kickoff with Aiden McKeee pounding the middle three times, picking up a first down. But two penalties on the Vikings put them in a hole and an incomplete pass on third down forced them to punt. The punt was shanked and the Bulldogs took over at the Vikings 40.

Roemhild scampered around the end for 17 yards and Nielson and Dormanen both gained positive yards on short runs. But three Bulldog penalties along with four pass attempts by sophomore quarterback Nick Olson fell incomplete and Colfax took over at the Boyceville 33-yard line.

The Viking's offense was starting to click as they picked up two first downs, one on the ground and another through the air. But after quarterback Bryce Sikora threw a pair of incompletions, his third pass went right into the hands of Roemhild who returned it to the Bulldog 35-yard line.

Moving into the second stanza, penalties continued to hinder the Bulldogs as they were called for three of them including one that negated a touchdown pass from Olson to Roemhild. On fourth and 25, an incomplete pass gave the ball back to the Vikings.

Colfax went three and out however, and Sikora booted a long punt, which gave Roemhild plenty of time to field it and he made the most of it. He dashed and darted all the way to the Vikings' 25 yard line, and three plays later, it was six more points for Dormanen after he scored from eight yards out. He added a two-point conversion run for a 16-0 advantage with 3:52 left in the half.

Colfax felt like they were still in the game and were looking for some points before the break after Asher Pecha returned the kickoff to their own 30. But the game of football can quickly become a blessing or a disaster for any team, depending on which side of the ball you are on. In this case,



TOUCHDOWN RUN - Boyceville sophomore Braden Roemhild (#24) adeptly ran past the tackle attempt of a Colfax defender and proceeded to weave his way to a 45-yard touchdown in the second quarter of the Bulldogs' 51-0 home shellacking of the Vikings September 17. Roemhild finished with 93 rushing yards to lead the Bulldogs ground attack which piled up 354 yards. -photo by Shawn DeWitt

it was a disaster for the Vikings but a blessing for Boyceville as the ball was stripped and ended up in the hands of lineman Preston Coombs who barreled his way to pay dirt for six more points. After Dormanen added another two-

chance on their next possession as Brian Tuschl broke loose around the right side for a 51-yard run, and with a Bulldog penalty, the ball was on the Bulldog 16 yard line. On fourth down, a pass to McKee was complete but a host of

AFTER GETTING to the outside, Boyceville running back Tyler Dormanen (#33) headed toward the end zone in a September 17 home football game against the Colfax Vikings. Dormanen carried the ball just five times but finished with 46 yards (a 9.2 yds. per carry average) and a touchdown in the Bulldogs 51-0 whitewashing of the Vikings. -photo by Shawn DeWitt

3:38 left in the half.

The Vikings moved the ball to mid-field but a quarterback sack by the Bulldogs, a penalty on Colfax and a bad snap resulting in a fumble gave Boyceville the ball back. It only took one play for the Bulldogs to add points with the speedy Roemhild zipping off a 48-yard run to pay dirt. Nielson tacked on a two-point run to make it 32-0 with still two minutes

point conversion it was 24-0 with Bulldogs dragged him down short of the goal as time ran out.

> "Tonight's game is what I expected last week," Boyceville coach Michael Roemhild said. "We had ten different guys run the ball tonight and they all did great. It really helped having Caden Wold, Dawson McRoberts and Parker Coombs back. We really missed those three last week. I was wondering how these guys would respond after being humbled last week and they did not disappoint,"

Braden Roemhild led the rushing brigade with 93 yards on four carries and a touchdown as the Bulldogs piled up 354 of their 366 yards on the ground. Mason Bowell had three carries for 59 yards, with 46 coming via the long TD run, Tyler Domanen had a five

us," he concluded.

carries for 46 yards and a score, jack Phillips had two hauls for 35 yards and Caden Wold had one for 29 yards.

Nick Olson completed just one of his six tosses for 12 yards.

The Vikings finished with 236 yards, 204 which came on the ground.

THE ROCKPILE

Welcome back, everybody!!! As most of you know Cheryl and I sold the bowling alley July 1st. There was still a lot of people who said they miss The Ol' Rockpile column, so I said I would give it another shot.

We did purchase a new scoring system and monitors for the bowling alley, which we installed in May.

Brent Standaert started out the first week on fire as Brent put together games of 218, 257, and a 269 for a 744 series. Great bowling, son!! He bowls for Obermueller Trucking on the Hometown League!!! Our Thursday Senior League starts this Thursday, September 23

The Wednesday Afternoon League will have a Fun Day September 29th and start their regular season on October 6th.

Cheryl and I would like to thank all of the leagues and individuals who either sent flowers, cards, phone calls, texts, or came to Cheryl's mom's visitation and funeral last Saturday, September 11th. Your noughtfulness is very much appreciated!!

(If you would like me to mention your name as "Rockpile Readers of the Week", send your name to leaker@cltcomm.net. A joke or story rould be appreciated also!!)

Song of the Day

It took less than two minutes

for Boyceville to add on points

starting the second half. After

Nielson took a short kickoff to the

Viking 46, Wold ripped off a 26-

yard run, Jacob Granley ran for 11

more yards and Nielson finished

the drive off on a nine yard dash.

With an extra point kick by Bryan

Vasquez-Hernendez it was 39-0

at the 10:17 mark of the quarter.

own 20 after the kickoff, but

were forced to punt after Paul

Kurschner caught McKee behind

the line of scrimmage for a loss of

yardage. The punter Sikora pulled

off a fake punt for a first down

however, and on second down,

Wold was in the right place at

the right time for a pick six from

a pass thrown by quarterback

Brian Tuschl. A missed kick put

the game into running time at 45-0

with 6:39 left in the third quarter.

a stifling Bulldog defense, allowed

Boyceville to tack on more points

when Mason Bowell scored from

46 yards out with three seconds

of his players to see some varsity

action in the final stanza, and

after the Vikings moved the ball

all the way to the Boyceville four-

yard line, a fumble was recovered

by the Bulldogs to preserve the

in for an injured Ira Bialzik and

Braden Roemhild had a great TD

run and almost a punt return,"

coach Roemhild said. "Nielson

and Dormanen really ran the ball

hard and our line did an amazing

job opening lanes and walking

huge game with four sacks and a

forced fumble. Granley was flying

around and leading the aggression

on our defense. Wold has amazing

awareness and great closing speed

and had a great interception and

Preston Coombs had a fumble

recovery for a TD and that always

gets the defense fired up. John

Klefstad had a motor all night and

"Defensively, Dormanen had a

Olson did a nice job filling

Coach Roemhild allowed plenty

before the quarter ended.

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you don't see that in the stat book before intermission. but he is going to the whistle and Colfax had a great scoring he added. he really gets the spark going for

Despite being a bit short-handed due to COVID-related issues, Boyceville's cross country teams pushed forward and competed in large Invitational meets in Rice Lake and Osceola last week.

While the Lady Bulldogs were able to fill out their team for both meets, the boys, however, had only four runners available for the Saturday, September 18 Osceola Invitational after fielding five in Rice Lake Tuesday.

The Bulldogs are also slated to compete in another pair of meets this week including a run in Mondovi yesterday and a meet in Durand on Thursday, September

Rice Lake Invitational

Boyceville boys' and girls' teams each had a complement of five runners so both finished with scores in a field of 26 schools at the Rice Lake Invite held on the UW-Eau Claire/Barron County campus September 14.

The girls finished seventh in the small school competition and 24th overall with 596 points while the boys' team took eighth among the small schools and was 26th with a tally of 806.

Sophomore Jaden Stevens had the top finish among all Boyceville

competitors at Rice Lake. Stevens 18:07.34. was 14th against her small-school competitors and 68th overall in a time of 23:27.70. Junior Haylie Rasmussen came

in 17th (82nd overall) in 23:58.42. Rounding out the field for

the Lady Bulldogs were: Lauren Becker, 45th (159th) in 28:49.85; Shiloh Wheeldon, 46th (160th), 28:53.75; and Rachel Montgomery, 55th (174th) in 30:59.10.

Senior Brian Johnson led Boyceville's five boys taking 48th (152nd) in a time of 21:46.09.

Just over a minute later freshman Michael Montgomery crossed the finish line in 22:54.96 to take 53rd (166th).

Three more freshman runners followed. Caleb Olson ran a 25:08.89 for 60th (183rd), Aiden Madison place 62nd (191st) in 28:19.72, and Dominic Anderson finished in 28:49.79 to place 64th (192rd).

Both races featured 26 complete teams with Osceola taking the boys' team title with 92 points while the girls' championship went to Menomonie with a score of 52. Seniors Quinn McDonald of Osceola won the boys' individual title in 16:23.43 and Isabella Jacobsen from Menomonie topped the girls' field with a time of

Bulldogs race in Rice Lake, Osceola

Osceola Invitational

Boyceville ran well in Osceola last Saturday according to head coach Jacob Peterson.

"We relaxed the first mile, as it was rolling hills and then pushed it the last two miles," the coach The strategy resulted in nearly

every Boyceville runner finishing with a personal best for the season. Peterson said some of his charges even had career bests.

The Lady Bulldogs, who came in 13th place out of 14 teams with 326 points, were once again led by Jaden Stevens. She took 29th Haylie Rasmussen finished

some 30 seconds later with a 23:49.3 for 42nd. Lauren Becker took 115th in 28:23.5 while juniors Shiloh Wheeldon and Rachel Montgomery were 139th and 150th, respectively, in times of 30:27.8 and 22:48.6.

Brian Johnson ran eight seconds faster in Osceola that he had in Rice Lake four days earlier to finish 113th in 21:38.6.

Michael Montgomery was 134th in a time of 22:32.3, Dominic Anderson came in 182nd with a 27:20.5, and Aidan Madison completed his run in 27:28.3 to

place 184th.

With only four runners, the boys did not receive a team score.

Led by winner Quinn McDonald (16:43.7), Osceola claimed the boys' title with 83 points. Mahtomedi, MN took home the girls trophy with a 62 while Minnehaha (MN) Academy freshman Greta Gesik was the girls' individual champ in 19:59.7. 187 boys and 153 girls competed in Osceola.

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Toppers outmuscled in loss to Spring Valley Cardinals

SPRING VALLEY — Glenwood City showed determination, focus, good special teams play, and an improved running game when it visited league-leading Spring Valley for a Dunn-St. Croix football clash last Friday.

But it wasn't enough!

The Cardinals' balanced offensive attack coupled with its physicality eventually wore down the Hilltoppers and led the hosts to a 42-10 victory in the September

Holding a 21-10 halftime advantage over Glenwood City, Spring Valley put the game out of reach with a 21-point splurge in the final 6:38 of the third quarter while holding the Toppers scoreless in the final two quarters en route to the 32-point victory.

The Cardinals finished with 408 yards of offense. A contingent of five Spring Valley rushers totaled 235 yards and three touchdowns on 32 carries while quarterback Connor Ducklow was an efficient 9-for-12 passing for another trio of six pointers and 173 yards.

The win keeps Spring Valley atop the conference standing with an unblemished 3-0 mark. The Cardinals are 4-1 in all contests. Glenwood City, meanwhile, fell for the second straight week and is currently 1-2 in the D-SC and 2-3 overall.

"I thought our focus and effort level was much improved in this game," said Shane Strong, Glenwood City head coach.

"Our kids were in position on defense to make plays all night. Credit Spring Valley for winning in space making us miss tackles or winning in coverage in the passing game," he added.

Stong also gave kudos to punter/ place kicker Marcis DeSmith and

running back Max Janson. "Our kicker/punter played



HILLTOPPER defenseman Nick Hierlmeier took down Spring Valley quarterback Connor Ducklow behind the line of scrimmage to register a sack in a September 17 football contest played on the Cardinals' home turf. Spring Valley won the conference clash 42-10.

photo by Jacob Maes Photography pulled the Toppers within a 21-10 very well," noted Strong. "Marcis kicked us a field goal and flipped halftime deficit.

> Janson was Glenwood City's leading rusher on the night. He carried a bulk of the rushing load taking 22 of the team's 38

attempts to finish with 84 of the Toppers' 129 rushing yards and their only touchdown.

"Max Janson ran with great determination Friday night," Strong stated.

Senior quarterback Bryce Wickman hit 11 of his 17 throwing attempts for 113 yards and an interception.

Much of the first quarter was played to a scoreless deadlock. But, with just 17 seconds remaining, Ducklow collaborated with Tyler Bowman on a four-yard pitch-andcatch for a touchdown, the first of three such connections between the Cardinal quarterback and receiver. Coy Stasiek added the PAT to give the hosts a 7-0 lead.

Glenwood City would tie the contest up with 8:37 left in the first half on Max Janson's fiveyard dash to the end zone and a good PAT kick by DeSmith.

Spring Valley, however, would reach the end zone on its next two offensive possessions.

On a quarterback keeper. Ducklow scampered 31 yards for the score as Valley retook the lead at 7:14. Stasiek's kick made it 14-7.

Ducklow then connected with Bowman on another short touchdown pass at 2:18, this one from five yards away, as the Cardinals went ahead 21-7 following yet another good PAT kick off the foot of Stasiek.

In the closing minutes of the half, Glenwood City made its way into Spring Valley territory before the drive stalled. DeSmith came on and sent the ball through the uprights to make good on the 38yard field goal attempt which put the score at 21-10 as the game went to intermission.

It stayed that way until midway through the third quarter when the Ducklow-Bowman gambit hit



GLENWOOD CITY placekicker Marcis DeSmith stepped into a kickoff in Spring Valley last Friday, September 17. DeSmith also booted a 38-yard field goal at the end of the first half.

-photo by Jacob Maes Photography

the trifecta on a 30-yard pass play for six at 6:38.

That play seemed to open the scoring flood gates for the Cardinals as they added two final TDs in the third frame, a 29-yard jaunt by Brady Benarek at 3:22 and a 60-yard dash to the end zone from Justin Rielly that left just a second on the clock. Stasiek made good on all three of those extra point kicks and the Cardinals were well in front, 42-10 as the

game went into the final stanza. That is how it ended as neither squad scored in the final 12

minutes of the game. Gabe Knops and Brady McCarthy added 38 and 18 yards to the Toppers rushing total. Senior Drew Olson caught six of Wickman's 11 completions for 51 yards, Janson had three for 26 and McCarthy netted a pair for 36 yards.

Connor Ducklow was the Cardinals leading rusher with 10 hauls for 86 yards. Justin Rielly added 70 on nine carries.

"We have to become more physical if we want to compete with these teams up front,' concluded Strong. "Clear Lake will be physical and tough. We have to rise up to that challenge."

The Warriors will be in town this Friday as the Hilltoppers look to get back on track with a win.



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Panthers pounce on Bulldogs for conference volleyball win

BOYCEVILLE — COVIDrelated issues not only sidelined some of Boyceville's volleyball athletes last week but the entire coaching staff.

But, former head coach Corrie Roemhild and volunteer Kathy Joles stepped up and took the reins and led the Bulldogs into their Dunn-St. Croix opener at home against Durand last Thursday. Meanwhile first-year head coach Jenna Behrends and assistant Rochelle Olson were under quarantine due to closecontact tracing.

The Bulldogs showed some bite in the opening set as they bested the Panthers 25-16.

 $But, Durand \ flipped \ that \ script$ in the next two games, winning both 25-15, to go ahead two sets to one.

Boyceville jumped out to a nice lead in the fourth set going ahead by as many as eight points but Durand rallied to win the set and the September 16 match 25-21.

Libby Bygd had nine of the Bulldogs 27 kills with Ella Holden

and Lacota Brown adding five each while Hailey Hanestad had

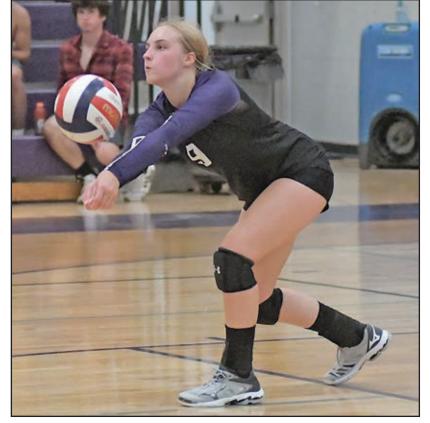
Bygd also had two of Boyceville's four service aces and led with three blocks. Holden, Harper Olson, and Cambrie Reisimer had two blocks each.

Ella Holden also finished with a team-high 20 digs, Torrie Bland came up with 13, Hanestad finished with a dozen, and Brown tallied nine. In the four-set contest, Boyceville finished with 68 digs.

The Bulldogs have three matches this week, all on the road. They were in Spring Valley last night, go to Prairie Farm on Thursday, and will compete in the Cameron Invitation this Saturday. Boyceville then returns home next Tuesday, September 28 to host

SERVE RECEIVED - Senior Lacota Brown, right, is shown receiving a serve during the Bulldogs home volleyball match with Durand September 16.

-photo by Shawn DeWitt



Toppers swept by Mounders in D-SC volleyball opener

ELK MOUND — Just a week after playing a quad in Elk Mound, the Glenwood City volleyball team had to make a trip back to the Mounders' home court last Thursday, September 16 to open Dunn-St. Croix Conference play.

After falling in two sets to Elk Mound in the final round of that September 9 four-team tourney, the Hilltoppers were again swept by the Mounders, this time in three straight, as they committed several service and ball errors and had trouble hitting.

"It was a defensive heavy game with lots of touches to the ball for passing and digs," said first-year head coach Nikki Webert.

"Our hitting game wasn't high or consistent, but our passing touches were immense all around including our on-the-net game with blocks and attempted blocks," she added.

"We had a handful of serving errors and miscellaneous free ball errors that cut us short for the losses. All around, there was hard, decent volleyball played by the girls," concluded Webert.

Glenwood City lost 17-25 in the first set, 21-25 in the second and 20-25 in the third and final set.

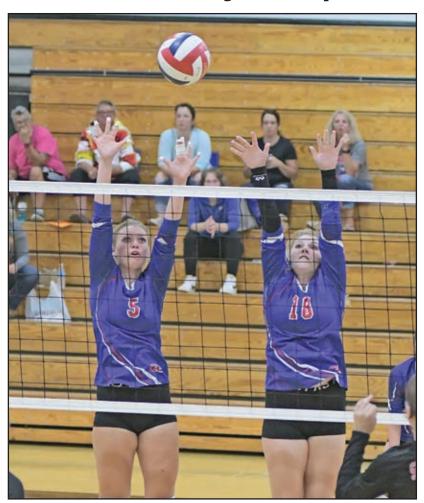
Statistically, Aria DeSmith had three kills and a trio of serving aces for the Toppers, Amalia Draxler led the team with three blocks while Michaela Blaser finished with two and Eliza Voeltz one, Alex Peterson made 34 passes and Ellery Unser tallied five

The Toppers' junior varsity lost two sets to one. After taking game one from the host Mounders 25-17, the GC JV fell by a mere two-points in the final two sets, 23-25 and 13-15.

Glenwood City's C-team, however, was victorious. Following a 17-25 loss in set one, the Hilltoppers rallied to win set two 25-18 and the third set 16-14.

Glenwood City hosted Elmwood/ Plum City last night in a D-SC match before it travels to Webster this Thursday, September 23 for a triangular. The Toppers will then resume conference play next Tuesday, September 28 in Spring

GLENWOOD CITY'S Amalia Draxler (left) and Arianna DeSmith attempted to block this shot during a volleyball match in Elk Mound. —photo by Shawn DeWitt



GC harriers compete in Rice Lake, Osceola

The Glenwood City cross Rice Lake and Osceola this past week competing in a pair of large invitationals.

The Hilltopper harriers began the week at the Rice Lake Invitational held on the UW-Eau Claire/Barron County campus last Tuesday, September 14. Both the girls' and boys' squad finished well in the small school competition with the girls taking second and the boys coming in third.

Individually, seniors Bella Simmons and Austin Nelson both finished 13th in fields that featured 185 girls runners and 195 boys runners.

Simmons and Nelson led their squads again when Glenwood City participated in the Osceola Invitational Saturday morning, September 18. The Lady Toppers came in sixth and the boys finished

"Both teams are doing well," noted Toppers' head coach Matthew Schutz.

"But the boys have to be able to bring down their times or place better among their competitors if they are looking for any kind of championship in October," he added.

Glenwood City competed in Mondovi yesterday, taking advantage of an opportunity to run on The Valley Golf Course, site of next month's Dunn-St. Croix

Conference meet. Rice Lake Invitational

Both Glenwood City teams placed high in the small school competition in the Rice Lake Invitational Tuesday, September

With just five varsity runners school standings. Nelson crossed to finish 45th. competing, the Lady Toppers brought home the second-place plaque. The boys ran to a third place finish.

In the overall standings, the boys finished 12th with 326 points and the girls were 13th after scoring a 367. Both races featured 26 complete teams with Osceola taking the boys' team title with 92 points while the girls' championship went to Menomonie with a score of 52. Seniors Quinn McDonald of Osceola won the boys' individual title in 16:23.43 and Isabella Jacobsen from Menomonie topped the girls' field with a time of 18:07.34.

Bella Simmons topped the final standings for the GC gals running a 20:28.55 to place second in the small-school competition behind Colfax's Molly Heidorn. Simmons was 13th overall.

Senior Kendall Schutz was the girls' second runner to finish the race in Rice Lake taking home a fourth (33rd overall) after running a 21:52.84.

Freshman Elsja Meijer, who has been showing some dramatic improvement of late, came in third for Glenwood City. She was 22nd (98th overall) in a time of 24:48.41.

Finishing right behind Meijer was senior Samantha Peterson who ran a time of 24:55.46 to place 23rd in the small-school competition (99th overall).

Haylie Hannah was the Toppers' fifth and final finisher taking 40th (148 overall) with a time of 27:38.37.

Senior Austin Nelson and junior JJ Williams finished among the top ten in the boys' smallfifth (13th overall) and Williams was seventh (21st) in 18:00.86.

Juniors Elek Anderson and Anthony Nelson were the next to finish. Anderson was 19th (71st) in 19:11.02 and Nelson ran a 19:36.94 to take 27th (99th).

Earning the fifth spot for the Topper boys was senior Brendan Booth who cruised to the finish line in 20:52.24 for 42nd (138th).

A pair of freshman grabbed the final two varsity finishes. Ilan Anderson was 44th (144th) in 21:07.61 and Zeb Holden placed 49th (156th) with a time of 22:09.10.

Osceola Invitational

The Topper boys had 13 runners compete in Osceola last Saturday. While senior Austin Nelson turned in another top performance taking 11th to lead Glenwood City, conspicuously absent on the placement sheet was junior JJ Williams.

Williams did not run in the Osceola Invitational due to illness according to Coach Schutz which drove up the boys' team score as they finished 11th out of 16 teams with a final tally of 241

The Topper girls placed sixth

out of 14 teams with a 193. Bella Simmons had another outstanding race. The senior finished in 20:55.7 to place fifth.

Fellow senior Kendall Schutz followed in 14th with a time of 22:14.2.

Freshman Elsja Meijer shaved nearly a minute off her personal best which she had set the previous Saturday in Fall Creek after running a 23:52.2 in Osceola

finishers for the Topper girls were seniors Samantha Peterson and Ella Knops. Peterson placed 65th in 24:51.4 and Knops finished in 27:55.9 to take 11th.

Sophomores Haylie Hannah (28:48.5) and Savanna Millermon (29:33.9) finished 118th and 129th to complete the varsity squad.

Austin Nelson ran a 17:44.2 on the 5,000 meter course to lead the Glenwood City boys.

In Williams' absence, fellow junior Elek Anderson moved up to finish second for the boys as he copped 28th in 18:46.8.

Following Anderson and rounding out the top five spots were junior Anthony Nelson, 58th in 19:43.3; freshman Ilan Anderson, 81st in 20:14.9; and sophomore Connor Berends, 85th in 20:27.7.

Also competing and finishing for the boys were: Zeb Holden (FR), 97th, 20:58.5; Brendan booth (SR), 103rd, 21:17.1; Elliott Springborn (FR), 106th, 21:24.9; Owen Bauman (JR), 116th, 21:40.8; Henry Draxler (SR), 152nd, 23:44.6; Xander Jacobsen (SO), 157th, 24:02.3; Tyler Rogers (FR), 176th, 25:23.5; and Evan Hojem (FR), 29:23.3.

Led by winner Quinn McDonald (16:43.7), Osceola claimed the boys' title with 83 points. Mahtomedi, MN took home the girls trophy with a 62 while Minnehaha (MN) Academy freshman Greta Gesik was the girls' individual champ in 19:59.7. 187 boys and 153 girls competed in Osceola.

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Salmon in a Canoe

Hello friends,

As many of you are aware I enjoy doing outdoor related sports in a canoe. This fall no one in my inner circle has a bear tag so a week where I am usually hunting bear or helping someone to harvest a black bear is open. Two weeks ago I made the decision that I was going to head over to Lake Michigan and try to catch a salmon out of my canoe and that is what this column is about.

Thursday, September 9th **High 77, low 53**

I chose Sheboygan to be my fishing grounds and I have to admit I was very excited to attempt to tussle with the salmon of my fantasy world while being pulled around on the big lake. Now here is some reality, behind the scenes, facts.

Upon arriving at the landing and marina at Sheboygan I realized that I had forgotten my salmon tackle box "flasher flys/spoons." I could not find my headlamp and the big reality; you have to pull hard on a kayak paddle 100-percent of the time to have your lure putting out the right presentation to get a salmon or trout to strike it.

So, it is like 2:00 pm and I am at a 6 boat landing so I could take my time rigging my canoe with rod holders a propane light setup and laying everything out so I can net or gaff a fish and ride out high seas. This style of fishing which I have never witnessed with another person in a canoe is suicidal, death to your knees. I straddle a cooler like riding a horse and my knees pretty much hold me up and ride out each wave.

Fishermen that are coming from fishing always talk to and give me good info because they see me as zero threat. I spoke with one fella that had caught about an 8-pound rainbow trout and he actually gave it to me. Thoughts went through my mind, couple of pics of "my trophy", a vivid imagination and I could live another day. In all honesty, not one time in 32 years have I lied in this column, and I was not going to start today.

So, the rainbow stays in a cooler at the truck, and I begin paddling an pulling crankbaits. One is a Rebel double jointed, orange crankbait that was just given to me while I was in Canada by my good buddy Pete Hagedorn who is 83 and giving

away some of his gear. In the end I am pulling two cranks, have no electronics and am in the world of charter boats doing circles in shallow water and I am not catching any fish. I did a journey up the Sheboygan River and was I ever impressed with the way this city is laid out and watched as dozens of fishermen were casting from shore or soaking spawn sacks hoping that the fall run of spawning chinook were upriver.

Just before dark I lit my lantern and was paddling out to sea with waves at about a foot with one rod straight back and the other to my right on a planer board. To me it is very obvious that I am the most talked about subject on the water by other fishermen because I am like a dinosaur, my species is extinct.

All was perfect in my world and I was in the fifth hour of paddling when by God I hit my number one goal and that was I had a strike on Pete's crank with the planer board. Before you get too excited you have to get the canoe turned around and going down wind and then you fight your fish. I could not have been more pleased when I landed a 5-pound coho close to dark. I was so happy I pulled a cold can of Pabst Blue Ribbon out of my cooler and watched day become night.

I resumed paddling hoping for a 4-year-old King but tonight that was not meant to be.

I had been on my knees for 6 hours when I got out of the canoe and hobbled to The Chevy Hotel for a wonderful nap in the backseat. Late in the evening and I have to admit, this time I was not very comfortable, there was a knock on my window and a flashlight in my face, a male and female Sheboygan police officer wanted to know what I was doing? I told them fishing salmon in my canoe and to look in my cooler. They were very cool, and I want everyone to know that a year ago when some fools were anti police, I was pro police and always will be.

I came back to shore in the dark and left the next morning in the dark with the exception of my propane light. I really thought I would hook into something big that would pull me miles out to sea for several days, a fantasy that I often have, but instead I put 6 more hours on my knees, hit shore, loaded up and when I reached Fond du Lac I was so tired I had to pull over like right now and sleep in a Culvers parking lot. Live till u die! Sunset

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Operation Deer Watch now underway The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has launched Operation Deer Watch, allowing citizen scientists around Wisconsin to report deer sightings in their area, which provides

crucial data for deer management. Participation in Operation Deer Watch is simple, requires no registration and can be done using a computer or mobile device. DNR researchers ask participants to report deer sightings, including bucks, does and fawns, between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30 via an easyto-use online form.

Data collected provides insights into the reproductive status of Wisconsin's deer herd and helps shape deer management for the state.

Many participants carry a printable tally sheet with them in the car to record sightings and then enter their results online later. For safety, participants should only record sightings when their vehicle is stopped, not while driving.

"This is a fun and useful opportunity for everyone to enjoy Wisconsin's plentiful

wildlife," said Brian Dhuey, DNR Wildlife Population And Harvest Assessment Specialist. "The DNR encourages everyone interested in deer, from hunters and trappers to outdoor enthusiasts, to take part."

County Deer Advisory Councils also use data from the survey to develop deer season framework, harvest quotas and permit level recommendations.

Learn more about Operation Deer Watch by visiting https:// dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ WildlifeHabitat/summerdeer.html